



# Body Worn Cameras

The cameras are here!





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## **Purpose:**

Familiarize deputies with the San Diego Sheriff Department's Policy 6.131, BWC Operation Manual and Body Worn Cameras (BWC)



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## **Topics:**

Historical review – Why cameras?  
Policy/BWC Manual – Deputy Support  
Definitions, Procedures, Operations,  
When and when not to record  
Policy – Do's and Don'ts



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## Why we are here...





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## Why?

**60%** Reduction in Use Of Force

**88%** Reduction in citizen complaint's  
(Rialto Police Dept.)

Findings on officers changing behavior  
From 2011 to 2012, Lake Havasu City  
Police Department showed complaints  
decreased by **58.2%**



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## **Why?**

Community trust

Aid in documentation

Prosecution

You are already being recorded





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## Now for the Policy



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## Policy Goals

Capturing crimes in progress

Documenting deputy response

Aiding in statement / report documentation

Serve as a training tool

Insert slide with policy



# Body Worn Cameras Operation Manual

“Digital evidence captured by the BWC has limitations and is not all inclusive.”

“Deputy/Officer safety shall be the primary consideration, **not** the ability to record an event.”

“The safety of deputies and members of the public is the highest priority..”



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## Operation manual

### Definitions

**BWC-** Body Worn Camera

**Buffering Mode-** Captures **video only**  
on 30 sec. loop

**ETS-** Evidence Transfer System

**Metadata-** Data/text added to videos  
for tracking and managing digital  
evidence



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## Operation manual

### Storage

Store in Docking Station when not in use

Exception: Traffic, Rural, K9 take home





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## Operation manual

### Misc.

- Inspect the camera prior to shift
- Demonstrations
- Unintentional recordings



# Body Worn Cameras Procedure

## Don'ts

- Official use only (Not your personal GoPro)
- No tampering with device
- Deputies are prohibited from pairing or using their personal phone, smart device, or other personal recording device for body-worn camera applications
- All videos are considered evidence and property of SDSD
- No unauthorized distribution (Hey check this out!)  
YouTube, social media



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## When to record

- You don't have to tell people
- Continue recording until the contact is concluded or no longer any evidentiary value
- Use experience when deciding when you no longer need to record an event (Can restart)



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## When to record

- Deputies **shall** activate the BWC to record all law enforcement related contacts.
- While away from department facilities, deputies shall keep their BWC powered on and in stand-by mode.
- The record mode of the camera **shall** be activated prior to actual contact with the citizen, or as soon as safely possible.



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## **Law enforcement contacts:**

11-49

Field interviews

All searches

Vehicle tows (Initial contact)

Persons present at radio calls who are  
accused of crimes

Deputy initiated consensual contacts



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## When **NOT** to record

- Pre-shift conferences
- Department locker rooms
- Break rooms
- Restrooms
- Report writing room
- Tactical briefings
- Confidential informants



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## When **NOT** to record

### **BWCs shall not be used:**

- Court proceedings ( Unless emergency)
- Medical or psychological evaluations by a clinician or similar professional, or during treatment. This includes during PERT clinician interviews (Unless emergency)



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## When **NOT** to record

- Unless evidentiary in nature, or related to a criminal investigation, deputies should avoid recording exposed areas of the body that could cause embarrassment or humiliation
- Or other event not related to law enforcement activity- Deputy/citizen contact





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## When **NOT** to record

### Camera **OFF** Zones

- Entering a station/facility shut camera off
- Turn camera **on** when exiting
- Help partners remember
- Lowers chance of accidental recording



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## When to view video

- You can review your own video's for writing reports that do not require SO-120
- Document in narrative of your viewing
- Reports with SO-120 must document actions prior to viewing
- Can only view your video unless supervisor approval



# Body Worn Cameras Operation Manual Documentation

- Video doesn't relieve you of writing your report-statements/interviews
- Injuries, or scene documentation still needs to be in report
- If it's in the video, it's in your report
- Serious, felonious events / injuries also need digital photograph's



# Body Worn Cameras Operation Manual Documentation

- Add Body Camera Video to Property section in RMS # “1306” with qty. per video 3 deps=3
- Document use of BWC in Narrative including any mutual aid with BWC
- **Reporting Deputy** needs to add video into evidence



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## Documentation

- Inadvertent recordings, recordings initiated for training, or recordings with no report shall be documented with a CAD event
- Accidental recordings while on scene are not accidental
- DA's must have video to charge 148 & 69PC
- Narration of events (talk aloud)



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## Professional Conduct

- Being filmed “will” change your behavior
- Things we say and how we say it will change
- Audio might be all that is recorded
- Be professional... All the time
- Be aware of the relaxing and forgetting about the camera



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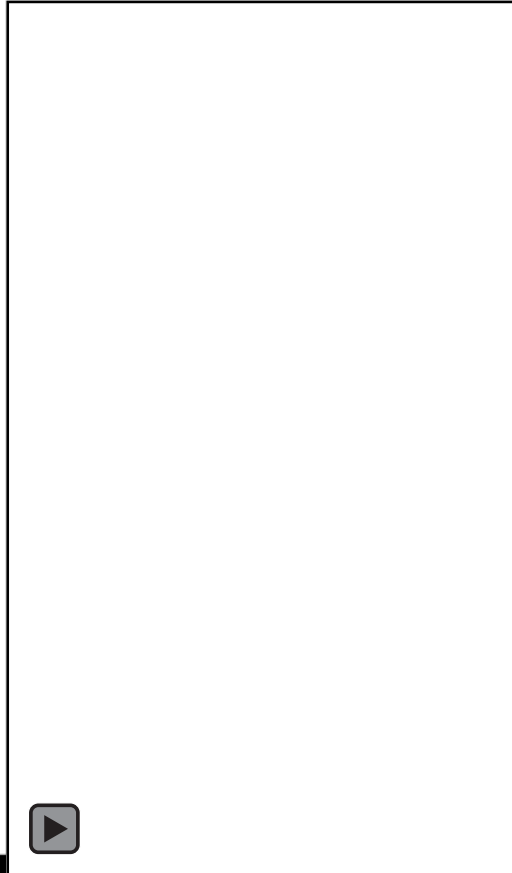
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Be professional... All the time

- Law Enforcement are held to higher standards
- High stress and emotional events
- Watch out for instigators & baiters
- Help your partners out
- Blow a fuse video



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Be professional... All the time

- Be aware of the potential to relax and get used to being recorded
- Deputy Rodgers the rest of the story



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## Department cell phone use

- Read and know the departments policy on cell phones
- No expectation of privacy
- No group/team threads
- Work related only
- Can be seized and reviewed (OIS)



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## Misc.

Interviews and Miranda, Stopping and restarting recording

Narration of events/Use of force

Overtime use and charging

And the number one most important thing to remember....



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## Misc.

### **Entering Metadata!**

Every video!





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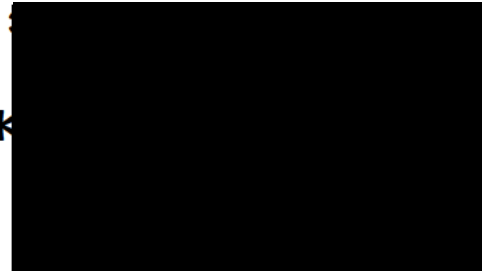
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